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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Louise Slaughter
Chairwoman, House Committee on Rules
H-312, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Chairwoman Slaughter:

For those committees of the U.S. House of Representatives who have not agreed to post all recorded votes in conspicuous places on their respective websites within 48 hours of each vote, we respectfully request that you require them to do so.

This action would be a bold move to advance citizens' access to their government. Having simple access to congressional floor votes via the Internet has unquestionably been a boon to democracy. The next logical step is to extend the public's right to know to committee votes.

In the 21st Century, there is no defensible reason for bringing transparency to the floor voting process but not to the committee voting process.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. We look forward to working with you to bring greater accountability to government.


Sincerely,


Rep. Tom Price, M.D.

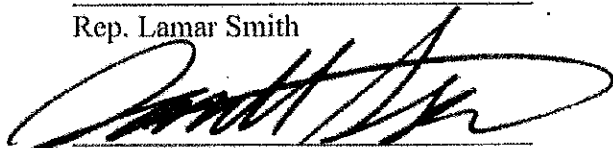
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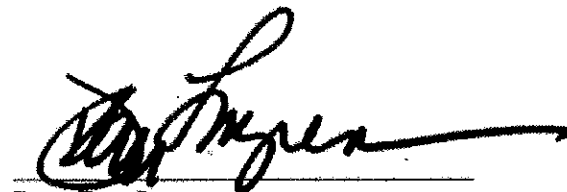
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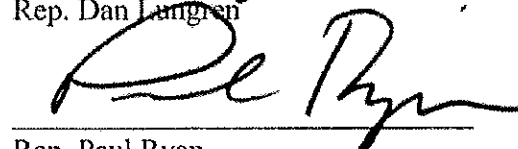
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